

c. DA Circular 350-81-2 (Skill Qualification Test Announcement for FY 82) has been distributed to all commands.

4. Awards. The new Army Achievement Medal (AAM) allows 15 promotion points for soldiers advancing to grades E5 and E6. Of the four new awards that took effect on 1 August 1981, which were designed to recognize soldier contributions during peacetime, the AAM is the only one worth promotion points. All Active Army, National Guard, and Army Reserve soldiers may be recommended for the AAM, which requires approval by a commander in the grade of colonel. The medal will be awarded to

servicemembers for important achievements deserving special recognition, but not considered as qualifying for the Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM). The ARCOM is worth 20 points. The other three peacetime awards—the Army Service Ribbon, the NCO Professional Development Ribbon, and the Overseas Ribbon—will be awarded to soldiers meeting necessary requirements.

5. Congratulations to SP5 Ronald A. Hill, who was recently selected as Soldier of the Year at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and to SGM Walter G. Jester, on his recent promotion.

Reserve Affairs Items

Reserve Affairs Department, TJAGSA

1. USAR 0-4 Board to Convene in March

In recent years, promotion boards considering officers for promotion to the grade of major, USAR, have been convening during the first week in May. However, for 1982, and possibly for succeeding years, the 0-4 USAR board will convene during the first weekend in *March*. Those individuals facing mandatory promotion consideration next year who have not yet finished the JA Officer Advanced Course *must* do so by the date the board convenes in order to avoid being passed over for educational deficiency. In order to be safe, the course should be finished by the first of the year, in order for the Reserve Components Personnel and Administration Center to enter the course completion on the records being examined by the promotion board. If an individual finishes the course before the board convenes but after RCPAC can enter the completion on the OMPF, the officer may be erroneously passed over and be put through the professional and personal inconvenience of a stand-by board. The Correspondence Course Office of TJAGSA will *not* be able to quickly process an avalanche of last minute course completions because of personnel shortages anticipated during this period. *Get the course done NOW.* The Correspondence Course Office is bulk-shipping entire phases to those who re-

quest them. If you are not sure whether you will be considered for mandatory promotion in 1982, call MAJ Bill Gentry at RCPAC, toll free (800) 325-1862.

2. JAGSO Triennial Training

The Judge Advocate General's Service Organizations Triennial Training will be conducted at The Judge Advocate General's School from 21 Jun to 2 Jul 82 for Contract Law and International Law Teams. Inprocessing of team members will take place on Sunday, 20 Jun 82. Only officers will attend the team training as there will be no facilities, programs, or training available at TJAGSA for enlisted members. The 1155th U.S. Army Reserve School, Edison, New Jersey, will host the training.

3. BOAC Phase VI

The Judge Advocate Officer Advanced Course (Phase VI) will also be conducted from 21 Jun-2 Jul 82. The Judge Advocate Reserve Components General Staff Course has been discontinued. To obtain a quota for the Advanced Course, reserve members must submit a DA Form 1058 thru channels to Cdr., RCPAC, ATTN: AGUZ-OPS-JA, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63132. National Guardsmen should submit the appropriate NGB form thru chan-